

Decision. The North and South Carolina, informs Commissioner Delano that a case involving the right of internal revenue officials to examine the books of shipment of merchandise subject to internal revenue tax, which he was instrumental in bringing before the court at Raleigh, N. C., had recently been decided in favor of the supervisor in particular. The case grew out of the seizure by a supervisor of the boats of the North Carolina Railroad Company for the purpose of obtaining information concerning shipments of tobacco, whiskey and other merchandise, which seizure was protested by the freight agent of the company; whereupon the supervisor procured an attachment. Chief Justice Chase was present at the trial of the freight agent for contempt, in having refused to obey a summons to appear with the books of the company at the supervisor's office, although he did not exercise jurisdiction in the case.

More Quaker Indian Agents. The Society of Friends have presented to the Secretary of the Interior for appointment as Indian Agents for the Central Superintendency the names of the following members of their religious order:—Beede, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, for the Seesho Agency; John D. Miles, of Wabaash, Ind., for the Mingo Agency; Nathan Richards, of Philadelphia, for the Shawnee Agency; Thomas Miller, of Springfield, for the Sacs and Foxes, and Nathan Stubbs, of Kansas, for the Kansas Indians.

Revenue Officers by Texas Smugglers. Intelligence was received at the Treasury Department of the murder of Mr. Frank Dupont, port-tender of Customs, near Brownsville, Texas. He is reported to have been murdered by smugglers on an excise border. His body was found in the Gulf of Mexico. He is the third victim of the smugglers there in the last six months.

Astronomical Observations in Iowa. Messrs. William Newcomb, William Harkness and John R. Eastman are ordered to proceed to Ames, Iowa, or within 100 miles of that city, for the purpose of making observations of the